

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 18th September 2011

Licence Examination

The next theory examination for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate (HAREC) will be held on Friday, 14th October next at 2.00 p.m. in the ComReg offices in Dublin. Full details, including entry procedure and examination fee, are available at www.irts.ie/exam '

North Cork Radio Group Rally

The North Cork Radio Group would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make their recent rally another resounding success. We thoroughly enjoyed the day and appreciate the support received from you all. There was a great turnout and plenty of bargains on offer. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

North Cork Radio Group - Marconi Day 2012

The North Cork Radio Group are extremely pleased to announce that they will, once again, be operating from the Mizen Head Visitors Centre for Marconi Day 2012. We hope to have another successful weekend of contacts and look forward to speaking to you all on air. Further details will be available in due course.

Limerick Radio Club

Limerick Radio club have changed their club meeting night to Wednesday night going forward. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 October. Full details can be found on www.limerickradioclub.ie

IPARC Contest

The 36th IPARC (International Police Association Radio Club) contest is coming up

on first weekend in November this year. Details of the contest and the award programme are available on the homepage www.iparc.de

Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club

The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club's monthly meeting will be held on Sunday 9th October 2011 at 3pm. It will be held in Brownlow Resource Centre, Brownlow Road, Craigavon, BT65 5DL. Members and Non- Members old and new are welcome to attend. Details are available at www.muarc.com

A foundation course and exam will be held over the weekend of Friday 28th and Saturday 29th October and on the weekend of Friday 25th and Saturday 26th November 2011. Any individuals wishing get on the first step of amateur radio should register for the course by Monday 10th Oct 2011 and by Monday November 7th November for the November foundation course. To register go to www.muarc.com/courseapplicationform.htm and complete the form. More information can be gained by contacting the exam secretary Martin MI0YMF on 028 (048)38852712.

An Intermediate course will be held over 12 weeks, starting Wednesday 11th January 2012. Registration is Monday 12th Dec 2011. To register go to www.muarc.com/courseapplicationform.htm and complete the form. More information can be gained by contacting the exam secretary Martin MI0YMF on 028 (048)38852712.

DX News

Murat TA1AMC has been heard on the bands in recent days signing T5/TA1AMC from Somalia. It is reported that he is a member of the Turkish Ministry of Health National Medical Rescue Team and that he will be QRV from Mogadishu for the next three months. At present his DXCC status is uncertain but it looks like a case of 'Work First Worry Later'

The multi-national DXpedition to Rotuma is expected to be on the air from 27 September and will be active till 7 October. The callsign will be 3D2R and operation will be on all bands 160-10m with CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and SSTV plus 6 and 2m EME. QSLs go via YT1AD and the logs will also be uploaded to Logbook of the World.

PA1LP will be active from Surinam in South America using the call PZ5LP from 18 September until 15 October. QSLs go via his home call.

Jelly Batteries

A new polymer jelly could be the next big step forward for lithium batteries. The jelly replaces the volatile and hazardous liquid electrolyte currently used in most lithium batteries. Researchers from the University of Leeds hope their development leads to smaller, cheaper and safer gadgets. Once on the market, the lithium jelly batteries could allow lighter laptop computers, and more efficient electric cars.

5 MHz Newsletter now online

A new Newsletter has been launched to support the growing number of 5 MHz operating permissions globally - it's the 5MHz Newsletter. Edited by Paul Gaskell, G4MWO, one of the original RSGB 5 MHz team, it aims to be both an accurate information source of news about 5 Mhz and a platform for exchange of ideas, be they theoretical, operational, constructional or just general comments about the band. You can freely access the 5 MHz Newsletter from Google Documents at tinyurl.com/6fkhcmf

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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